GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6040
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2000
IMPORT OF RICE FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have sought permission from the Union Government to importrice from neighbouring countries for distribution through PDS;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : A proposal has been received from the Government of Kerala to authorize the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to import not more than 5000 tonnes of boiled rice a month from Burma on behalf of the Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation.

(c) The proposal has not been considered feasible in view of the adequate availability of parboiled rice in Central Pool and, also, the actual lifting of rice allocated to the State Government. The State Government has been asked to take necessary steps to increase their lifting of rice.